(b) whether various chambers of industry have expressed concern about its impact on flow of foreign direct investment; and if so, the precise nature of protests and Government's reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) and (b) As announced by the Hon'ble Prime Minister in the meeting organised by an Industry Association recently, the Government is a continuing entity. The Government is committed to a policy of promoting investment and liberalisation. From time to time, the industry associations give their suggestions for betterment of industrial sectors to the Government as input for futher policy formulations.

Entry of MNCs into reserved areas

1245. SHRI ASHOK MITRA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) the number of complaints received since 1991-92 that multinational corporations have infiltrated into activities reserved by legislation to the small scale sector;

(b) the number of prosecutions launched against multinational corporations found in *prima facie* breach of law in this respect; and

(c) the standard procedure Government follows to ensure that parties guilty in the matter are appropriately panalised?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) As per policy no large/multinatinoal corporations are allowed to manufacture an item reserved for exclusive manufacture in the small scale sector except with 50% export obligation. In case, they had been manufacturing the reserved items prior to date of reservation they can continue to do so after obtaining a Carry-on-Business (COB) licence. A specific complaint about the unauthorised manufacture of Sanitary Towels reserved for manufacture in the SSI sector against two MNCs was received. *Prima Facie,* cases of violation were established. Show Cause Notices have been issued to them.

(b) No prosecution has been launched so far.

(c) Any violation by any company is monitored by the concerned administrative Ministry/Department and they initiate action as per the policy contained in Industrial (Development & Regulation) Act, 1951.

Steps to protect IPR

1246. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have a proposal under consideration to take measures to protect Intellectual Property Rights (IPR) of Indian scientists and investors;

(b) if so, the details of the proposal; and

(c) the time by when a decision in this regard is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF INDUSTRY (SHRI SIKANDER BAKHT): (a) to (c) The intellectual property rights of Indian scientists and investors are protected under the Patents Act, 1970.

Beneficiaries under PMRY in Bihar

1247. SHRI S.S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) what were the year-wise targets of beneficiaries under the Prime Ministers' Rozgar Yojana (PMRY) during the last three years in Bihar;

(b) the number of beneficiaries who were sanctioned loans by Banks during the said period against the target in the State: